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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH SIDE BRIEFED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM ON THEIR CYPRUS PROPOSALS TODAY IN VIENNA AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CAME IN TO DESCRIBE THE PROPOSALS TO US. THE TURKS PROPOSE THAT THE TWO COMMUNITIES BE "EQUALLY" REPRESENTED IN THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE AND JUDICIARY, WITH DECISIONS TO BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF A SIMPLE MAJORITY. PRINCIPLES OF FREE SETTLEMENT AND FREE MOVEMENT WOULD BE GUARANTEED, BUT IMPLEMENTED ON A PROGRESSIVE AND PRACTICAL BASIS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. INSTEAD OF PRESENTING A MAP TO WALDHEIM, THE TURKS DESCRIBED VARIOUS AREAS

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UNDER THEIR CONTROL WHICH THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS RETURNING TO GREEK CONTROL. SOME GREEK-CYPRIOTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN VAROSHA, BUT ITS STATUS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. WALDHEIM PLANS TO GO TO CYPRUS NEXT WEEK FOR TALKS WITH BOTH KYPRIANU AND DENKTASH.

2. THE ER WEAPON. OPPOSITION LEADERS STRUCK HARD DURING TODAY'S BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON THE ER WEAPON. HELMUT KOHL STATED THAT SCHMIDT'S CONDITIONED ACCEPTANCE OF EVENTUAL DEPLOYMENT IN GERMANY WAS INSUFFICIENT, THAT HE HAD FAILED TO CONTROL THE SPD LEFT WING, AND THAT HIS FAILURE TO MAKE PUBLIC THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION HAD CONTRIBUTED TO TODAY'S CLIMATE IN U.S.-GERMAN RELATIONS. A SCHMIDT SPOKESMAN CALLED KOHL AND COMPANY TO TASK FOR IGNORING THE ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION AND ASSERTED THAT YOUR DECISION TO DELAY PRODUCTION WAS CONSISTENT WITH SCHMIDT'S STANCE. GENSCHER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY AND NOTED THAT THE ERW WAS AN ALLIANCE RATHER THAN A BILATERAL ISSUE.

3. CUBANS IN AFRICA. YOU TOLD ZBIG THAT YOU WANTED TO STEP UP THE TEMPO OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS CRITICIZING SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA. AS YOU KNOW, CY'S PUBLIC STATEMENT AT CENTO -- AS WELL AS HIS RESTRICTED STATEMENT -- WILL COME DOWN HARD ON THIS POINT. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT OUR OFFICIALS VOICE THE SAME CONCERNS IN THEIR STATEMENTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND CONGRESS.

4. CIVIL AVIATION. I HAD AN ENCOURAGING DISCUSSION
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THIS WEEK WITH KNUT HAMMARSKJOLD, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA), ON OUR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY. HE SAID THAT IATA IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF ADJUSTING TO THE NEW PRO-COMPETITIVE DIRECTION IN U.S. POLICY, BUT THAT HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE ADJUSTMENT CAN BE MADE WITHOUT SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. HE ADDED THAT MANY CARRIERS WERE PLEASED THAT THEIR LOW-FARE FILINGS WERE NO LONGER BLOCKED BY THE CAB. I POINTED OUT THAT THE CONDUCT OF U.S. AVIATION POLICY HAS SOMETIMES BEEN COMPLICATED BY THE INDEPENDENT ROLE OF THE CAB, BUT THAT WE ARE FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH CHAIRMAN KAHN, WHO SHARES YOUR PRO-COMPETITIVE VIEWS.

HAMMARSKJOLD ALSO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AT THE DELAY IN OBTAINING SENATE APPROVAL FOR THE MONTREAL PROTOCOLS, WHICH WILL UPDATE THE WARSAW CONVENTION PROVISIONS LIMITING AIRLINE LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR INJURY TO PASSENGERS. I NOTED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROTOCOLS AND OUR HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE REPORTED OUT OF THE SFRC AS SOON AS THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWS.

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5. CY'S MOSCOW TRIP. AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TASS PIECE TODAY SET AN UPBEAT TONE FOR CY'S COMING VISIT, SAYING THERE ARE "GOOD CHANCES" FOR MAKING PROGRESS ON SALT. ALTHOUGH TASS COMMENTATOR KORNILOV ECHOED THE SPECIFIC CRITICISMS OF U.S. SALT POSITIONS MADE IN BREZHNEV'S APRIL 7 VLADIVOSTOK SPEECH, HE ALSO NOTED THE "FLEXIBILITY AND REALISM" DISPLAYED BY THE U.S. AT PAST MOMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS (AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO GROMYKO'S SEPTEMBER VISIT), WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE CERTAIN ISSUES AND TO NARROW THE RANGE OF UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS. HE CITED APPROVINGLY THE SALT PORTION OF CY'S APRIL 10 SPEECH.

6. SOUTH LEBANON. WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR A
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CREDIBLE ISRAELI STATEMENT ASSURING WITHDRAWAL BY THE END OF THE MONTH, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY URGING EARLY TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIFIL TO CONVINCE THE ISRAELIS THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE MILITARY STRENGTH LEFT BEHIND WHEN THEY WITHDRAW. OUR OBJECTIVE THEREAFTER WILL BE TO GET LEBANESE GOVERNMENT FORCES INTO SOUTH LEBANON IN STRENGTH. TODAY THE SHAH OFFERED UNIFIL A NEW CONTRIBUTION OF AT LEAST 800 MEN, BUT HE WANTED THIS MADE CONDITIONAL ON A PUBLIC ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW BY THE END OF APRIL. OFFERS FROM NIGERIA AND IRAN SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE UNIFIL'S STRENGTH TO WELL ABOVE 5,000 MEN.

WALDHEIM'S ANNOUNCED TRIP TO THE AREA HAS DEFLECTED DEMANDS FOR A COUNCIL MEETING TO CENSURE ISRAEL, BUT IF THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS ON WITHDRAWAL BY THE TIME WALDHEIM RETURNS, THE ISSUE WILL COME UP IN THE UN WITH RENEWED FORCE. ISRAELI FAILURE TO SHOW VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD FINAL WITHDRAWAL COULD UNDERMINE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNIFIL AND CAUSE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS TO WITHDRAW THEIR CONTINGENTS.

7. SOUTH AFRICA. LAST WEEK SOUTH AFRICA GAVE US A NON-COMMITAL REACTION TO LAST MONTH'S NON-PROLIFERATION TALKS, IN WHICH WE PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR INTERIM SAFEGUARDS ON THE VALINDABA ENRICHMENT PLANT AND FOR FUELING THE SAFARI RESEARCH REACTOR WITH LOWER ENRICHED URANIUM. WE NOW PLAN TO EXPLORE A JOINT APPROACH BY THE WESTERN FIVE TO SOUTH AFRICA TO EXPLAIN THAT WHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND TO RESIST A CALL FOR FAR-REACHING SANCTIONS IN THE UN, WE CANNOT DO SO UNLESS SOUTH AFRICA ADHERES TO THE NPT AND ACCEPTS SAFEGUARDS ON VALINDABA. CHRISTOPHER
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